

## Interim Hearings - Week of August 15, 2016

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#### House Committee on [State Affairs](#)

Charge: Contracting monitoring, compliance, performance evaluation and notification requirements for contracting procedures

- [Texas Government Code Chapter 2261](#), State Contracting Standards and Oversight
- [Senate Bill 20: Centralized State Purchasing Study - Background](#) (Timeline), Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts
- [Contract Management Guide](#), Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, Updated March 1, 2016
- [Senate Bill 20 \(84R\) - Frequently Asked Questions](#) (State contracting), Texas Department of Information Resources, Updated February 18, 2016
- [A Report on Recent Contracting Audits](#), Texas State Auditor's Office, January 23, 2015
- [Interim Report to the 83rd Texas Legislature](#) (Charge 2 - State contracting), Senate Committee on Government Organization, December 2014
- ["When is a State Contract Too Big to Fail?"](#), *Texas Tribune*, May 2, 2014

Charge: Administrative process used to determine utility rates

- [Texas Utilities Code Chapter 36](#), Electric Utilities - Rates (Subchapter C - procedures for rate changes)
- [16 Texas Administrative Code §25.475](#), General Retail Electric Provider Requirements and Information Disclosures to Residential and Small Commercial Customers
- ["There and Back Again: the Return of Water and Wastewater Rates and CCNs to the Public Utility Commission,"](#) *TCAA Newsletter* (Texas City Attorney

Association), July 2016

- "How Utilities Determine Generation and Distribution Rates (Ratemaking)," *Electric Choice Blog*, May 12, 2016
- *Comparative Analysis of PUC Ratemaking Authority as Required by House Bill 1600*, Public Utility Commission of Texas, January 27, 2015
- *Tariff Development: Review of the Basic Ratemaking Process*, Public Utility Commission of Texas

Charge: How Public Utility Commission of Texas and utility providers can ensure consumer protection regarding metering devices for water, gas, and electricity service

- *Texas Utilities Code, §§182.101-182.104*, Rights of Utility Customers - Testing of Meters
- *16 Texas Administrative Code §§25.121-25.133*, Metering
- *Smart Metering*, Public Utility Commission of Texas
- "Amid Health, Privacy Fears, States are Letting People Reject 'Smart Meters'," *Stateline* (Pew Charitable Trusts), February 5, 2016
- "Texas House Erupts in Heated Debate Over 'Smart Meters' for Electricity," *Dallas Morning News*, March 20, 2013
- *The Need for Essential Consumer Protections: Smart Metering Proposals and The Move to Time-Based Pricing*, National Consumer Law Center, August 2010

Senate Committee on *Intergovernmental Relations*

Charge 2: Home rule municipalities, adoption of ordinances

- "Texas Court Denies Request Tied to Austin's Uber Ordinance," *Texas Tribune*, March 14, 2016
- *Legislative Update* (Interim Hearings Begin: Cities on the Agenda), Texas Municipal League, December 4, 2015
- *Local Ordinance Integrity* (Testimony presented to the Senate Committee on Intergovernmental Relations by James Quintero, Director of the Center for Local Governance), Texas Public Policy Foundation, December 2, 2015
- *Interim Hearings - Week of November 30, 2015* (Charge 2), Senate Committee on Intergovernmental Relations, Legislative Reference Library, December 2, 2015

Charge 4: Municipal management districts (MMDs)

- *Texas Local Government Code §§375.001-375.357*, Municipal Management Districts In General
- *Texas Government Code §313.006*, Notice for Laws Establishing Municipal Management Districts
- "New Management Districts Pave Way for Growth in Missouri City," *Community Impact - Central Austin*, August 5, 2015
- "The City with (Almost) No Limits," *UrbanLand Magazine*, April 20, 2015
- *Texas Municipal League Economic Development Handbook*, Texas Municipal League, Updated January 2015

- *Invisible Governments: Special Purpose Districts in Texas (Tables)*, Texas Senate Research Center, October 2014
- *Interim Report to the 82nd Texas Legislature* (Charge 8 - MVDs; *Appendices H-1 to H-2*), Senate Committee on Intergovernmental Relations, December 2010

Charge 5: Statutes and Rules that govern Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs in light of the recent Supreme Court decision in *Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs et al. v. Inclusive Communities Project, Inc., et al.*

- *Texas Government Code §§2306.6701-2306.6740*, Low Income Housing Tax Credit Program
- *Rules and Governing Statute, Inclusive Communities Project, Fair Housing 101*, Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs
- "The Fight for Fair Housing," *Texas Observer*, August 4, 2015
- *Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing: Final Rule (Overview and resources)*, United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, July 16, 2015
- *Tax Credits Can and Should Build Both Homes and Opportunity*, Furman Center for Real Estate and Urban Policy, June 2015
- *If the Supreme Court Bans the Disparate Impact Standard It Could Annihilate One of the Few Tools Available to Pursue Housing Integration*, Economic Policy Institute, January 9, 2015

Charge 6: Government accountability in elections - improve transparency regarding public debt

- *Legislative Policy Committee on General Government* (Ballot Language), Texas Municipal League, August 19, 2016
- *Local Debt Transparency* (Testimony presented to the Senate Committee on Intergovernmental Relations by James Quintero, Director of the Center for Local Governance), Texas Public Policy Foundation, December 2, 2015
- *Interim Hearings - Week of November 30, 2015* (Charge 6), Senate Committee on Intergovernmental Relations, Legislative Reference Library, December 2, 2015

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House Select Committee on [Mental Health](#)

Invited testimony on Mental/behavioral health care services in Texas, including, but not limited to substance abuse, homelessness, veterans, gaps in programs, and improving delivery of services

- *A Community Support Guide for Alternatives to Inpatient Mental Health Treatment*, Texas Department of state Health Services, revised August 2, 2016
- *Texas Statewide Behavioral Health Strategic Plan: Fiscal Years 2017-2021*,

Statewide Behavioral Health Coordinating Council, May 2016

- *The Texas Mental Health Workforce: Continuing Challenges and Sensible Strategies*, Hogg Foundation for Mental Health, April 29, 2016
- *Behavioral Health Barometer, Texas, 2015*, U.S. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, February 2016
- *Statewide Behavioral Health Strategic Plan and Coordinated Expenditures: Overview and Funding*, (Presented to the House Select Committee on Mental Health), Legislative Budget Board, February 2016
- *State Mental Health Legislation 2015: Trends, Themes & Effective Practices*, National Alliance on Mental Illness, December 2015
- *A Guide to Understanding Mental Health Systems and Services in Texas*, 2nd Edition, Hogg Foundation for Mental Health, The University of Texas at Austin, 2014

## Senate Committee on Education

Charge: School board governance policies and practices, school board training requirements, suggestions for better student outcomes, particularly within the framework set for low-performing schools in **HB 1842**, 84th Legislature, R.S.

- *"And Then There Were Twelve"* (District of Innovation designation process under HB 1842), Commissioner of Education Mike Mbrath, Texas Education Agency, July 21, 2016
- *Interim Report to the 84th Legislature* (Charge 3 - School board governance), House Committee on Public Education, December 2014
- *Framework for School Board Development*, State Board of Education/Texas Education Agency, Revised July 2012
- *Eight Characteristics of Effective School Boards: Full Report*, Center for Public Education, January 28, 2011
- *Interim Report to the 82nd Texas Legislature* (Charge 3 - Improving student achievement and leadership models for improving low-performing campuses), House Committee on Public Education, December 2010
- *Campus Turnaround Guidance and Resources* and *HB 1842 Transition Chart*, Texas Education Agency
- *Governance*, Education Commission of the States

Charge: Monitor implementation of legislation, specifically initiatives to build a high-quality pre-kindergarten grant program; and legislation to raise standards of teacher preparation programs and establish a more consistent, high-quality accountability system

- *Briefing Book on Public Education Legislation, 84th Texas Legislative Session*, Texas Education Agency, July 2015
- *House Bill 4 High-Quality Prekindergarten Grant Program* (overview, timeline, commissioner's rules, prekindergarten guidelines), Texas Education Agency
- *Texas Commission on Next Generation Assessments and Accountability* (meeting schedule and presentations on assessment and accountability in Texas), Texas Education Agency

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Public testimony on mental health/behavioral health care services in Texas

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Joint Interim Committee on [Advertising Public Notices](#)

Topic: Rules and organizational business

Topic: Use of technology in posting and advertising to the public of legally required notices

- "[Wisconsin to Weigh Moving to Online Public Notices](#)," *WiscNews* (WI), July 17, 2016
- [State of the News Media 2016](#), Pew Research Center, June 15, 2016
- [Insult to Injury: The Disappearance of Public Notices in US Newspapers](#), Public Policy and Funding the News, a project of the University of Southern California Annenberg Center on Communication Leadership & Policy, July 2015
- "[Newspapers Take Notice of Legislative Threat to Revenue](#)," *Crain's Detroit Business* (MI), July 5, 2015
- "[Printed Public Notices Boost Accountability](#)," *The Gonzales Inquirer* (TX), April 24, 2015
- [Interim Report to the 83rd Texas Legislature](#) (Charge - The Texas red tape challenge, providing public notice), House Committee on Government Efficiency and Reform, January 2013